

**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

December 4, 2016  
Second Sunday of Advent

**Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the questions. Turn in with a bulletin from the mass.

**Gospel Reflection**

In Matthew's Gospel, we learn of John's continued warning for us to be ready for Jesus when he comes again. It is not enough that we are sons and daughters of Abraham, but by our own desire, we want to live a life pleasing to God. The Gospel challenges us to bear fruit. It was not enough for the Sadducees nor is it enough for us to simply follow the rules and rituals of our faith. The very actions of lives must show what we believe about our faith.

**Gospel Questions:**

1. John the Baptist's message to "Reform your lives!" "Prepare the way of the Lord." and "The reign of God is at hand." Is this a message we need to hear today? Why or why not?
  
2. One way others (especially my family members) see the Kingdom of God in my actions is when . . . (Explain)
  
3. During this Advent season, we listen to the words of John the Baptist as a reminder that we are called to repentance as we prepare for Jesus' coming into our lives. In order to prepare the heart of our family for Christmas we need to .... (Explain)

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**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

**Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the questions. Turn in with a bulletin from the mass.

**Gospel Reflection:**

John the Baptist had disciples of his own and while in prison he sent some of them to Jesus. At John's request, the disciples asked Jesus if he was the Messiah or were they to wait for another. Jesus did not answer them directly, but pointed to the miracles he had performed in the name of God's love. If John himself did not wonder, it was likely that his followers did. Jesus did not fit the image of "Messiah," and so it was possible that people began to doubt their original perception.

**Gospel Questions:**

1. Jesus performed miracles in the name of God's love. What do you do in the name of God's love? How do others respond to you when you do this?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. On Gaudete Sunday we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. Pink represents joy, it is with joy we await the return of Jesus. How will you bring joy to someone's life this week?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Who are some people that spread God's healing and mercy in the world today? How do they accomplish this?



